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It is hoped that the following information, although now somewhat out-
dated, will be of background and confirmatory value.

- The following is a chart of shipping activities,¹ involving Albanian ports,
for the period March-December 1951; for your convenience, the names of the
vessels have been listed alphabetically.

Name of Vessel

Remarks

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MS ASIM ZENELI
(Albanian)Arrived [] with 200 tons
chrome ore for (sic) Durres. ✓Left [] for Durres with
300 tons textiles from Czecho-
slovakia.

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Left Vlone, en route []
with a cargo of chrome ore. ✓

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Left Durres with 150 tons
chrome ore and 30 tons medicinal
herbs for Czechoslovakia. ✓Arrived Durres with 0.6 tons
electrical equipment. Bad
weather forced her to seek
shelter [] on 18 November,
and [] on 21 November. ✓

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| SS BERESINA (Rumanian) | Reported in Durres, but no information available regarding cargo activities there. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SS BUDENNY (Soviet) | Arrived Durres. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SS BULGARIA (Bulgarian) | Reported en route from Durres to Odessa. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SS BYELORUSSIA (Soviet) | Reported in Durres; no information available as to cargo activities. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SS CHIATURY (Soviet) | Arrived Vlone from the Black Sea. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | In Durres, where she had discharged 3,650 tons mixed cargo. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Unloaded 5,730 tons unidentified cargo. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Took aboard an unknown quantity of chrome ore at Durres. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Passed through the Bosphorus, entering the Black Sea. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | About to pass through the Bosphorus, bound for a Black Sea port. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Unloaded at Durres some 111 tons unspecified cargo, as well as (or including) 41,972 meters of (sic) cotton cloth. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Expected to arrive in Durres, where she was to load a miscellaneous cargo and take aboard mineral pitch and other items for Odessa. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Departed from Durres, en route for Constanta, with 1,672 tons mixed cargo, including the following: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Goat skins</td> <td>6 tons</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ash poles</td> <td>21 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elms</td> <td>17 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wool</td> <td>25 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asphalt</td> <td>5,178 barrels</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citrus fruit</td> <td>500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Olive seedlings</td> <td>100</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Goat skins | 6 tons | Ash poles | 21 " | Elms | 17 " | Wool | 25 " | Asphalt | 5,178 barrels | Citrus fruit | 500 | Olive seedlings | 100 |
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| | In addition, 105 passengers were carried on this trip, among them the 10-man delegation of the Albanian Professional Union, headed by Pilo Peristeri, Chairman of the Central Council of Trade Unions. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Name of Vessel

SS CHIATURY (Cont'd)

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Arrived Durres from Odessa and Constanta; discharged 1,133 tons cargo, including several pieces weighing 6 tons each.

Departed from Durres, bound for Constanta and Odessa; carried 29 passengers, in addition to following known cargo:

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| Oranges | 70.293 tons (2,668 crates) |
| Skins | 30.186 tons (303 bales) |
| Copper scrap | 26.69 tons |
| Goat skins | 3.879 tons (40 bales) |
| Sheep's wool | 18.278 tons (183 bales) |
| Asphalt | 831.414 tons (2,862 barrels) |
| Tobacco | 97.923 tons (4,044 bales) |

Arrived Stalin (Varna) from Durres.

Expected to arrive at Durres and Vlone, at which ports she was to load the following:

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|---------|------------|
| Asphalt | 2,862 tons |
| Wool | 11 " |
| Skins | 50 " |
| Cheese | 46 " |
| Tobacco | 70 " |
| Oranges | Unknown |

SS CHRISTO SMIRNESKI
(Bulgarian)

Arrived Durres, and took aboard a cargo for NAFTA, Moscow, which included the following items:

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| Fuel oil | 179 kilograms |
| "Velosit" | 1,600 " |
| "Kalipsolin" | 1,300 " |
| "Nigrol" | 2,855 " |
| "Avtol-18" | 12.552 tons |
| Asphalt for Stalin (Varna) | 740 tons |
| Lumber | 1.2 cubic meters |
| Oranges | Unknown |

Left Stalin (Varna) for Durres, with approximately 4 tons canned foods and 240 cases containing household utensils, leather, sewing machines, wearing apparel, children's and adults' bicycles and miscellaneous items.

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| SS CONSTANTA (Rumanian) | Arrived Durres. |
| SS DOBRUSHA (Bulgarian) | Departed Durres after taking aboard 1,667 barrels asphalt, weighing 484 tons. |
| | Expected to arrive Durres from Stalin (Varna); her cargo, of Czechoslovak origin, includes cigarette papers, brewer's yeast, welding rods, books, etc. |
| SS FRIEDRICH ENGELS (Rumanian) | Reported at an Albanian port during this month; no information as to cargo operations. |
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| SS IZHORA (Soviet) | Arrived Durres from Black Sea; un- loaded foodstuffs and mixed cargo, and was to take aboard 4,000 tons asphalt at Durres and Vlone. |
| SS KARAGANDA (Soviet) | Arrived Durres from Odessa with a cargo of railway cars, six of them dump-type. |
| SS KRASNODAR (Soviet) | Departed Durres, after having discharged 1,592 tons of cargo. |
| | Expected from Set (sic 50X1-HUM Stettin?), to undergo repairs. |
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| MS KURVELESHI (Albanian) | Departed from Durres [] 50X1-HUM with 44 tons unsawed lumber. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <u>Name of Vessel</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
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| SS MAKSIM GORKI (Soviet) | <p>Arrived Durres, heavy cargo being unloaded by floating crane.</p> <p>Unloading operations completed; vessel left Durres in ballast, en route [] for repairs, which were estimated would take about 3 months.</p> |
| SS MANGALIA (Rumanian) | <p>Unloaded 1,926 barrels (531.576 tons) Diesel oil at an Albanian port. (Another report of the same date states that this amount was <u>loaded</u> by the vessel.)</p> <p>Arrived Durres, unloaded 550 tons crude mineral pitch.</p> |
| SS MARCHLEWSKI (Polish) | <p>Took aboard (presumably at Durres) 1,202 tons mineral pitch and 109 tons wool, destined for Russia.</p> <p>Took aboard 190 tons unspecified cargo in Poland.</p> <p>Unloaded above at Durres.</p> |
| MS MESAPLIKU (Albanian) | <p>Unloaded some 268 tons in Durres, and loaded 150 tons, both cargoes not further identified.</p> <p>[] expected at Durres 31 August or 1 September.</p> |

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Name of Vessel

MS MESAPLIKU (Cont'd)

Remarks

Left Durres [redacted] with
following cargo:

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| Asphalt | 292 tons |
| Skins | 11 " |
| Guts | 2 " |

[redacted] with 30 1/2 tons
unspecified cargo for Hungary.

Took aboard 2 tons mixed cargo

Took aboard 10 tons mixed cargo

en route to Durres.

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Arrived Durres.

Unloaded cases containing machinery,
weight unknown.

Arrived Durres, and discharged
hoisting machinery, metal products
for the construction of mineral oil
storage tanks, water pipes, flour,
sugar and 3 tons tritol. 50X1-HUM

Departed Durres, [redacted]
where she loaded approximately 50
tons of machinery. She was also
to take aboard 220 tons of borax
by the Polish SS PIAST.

Arrived Durres from Odessa; dis-
charged bales of paper, and took
aboard 2,700 tons chrome ore, and
an unspecified quantity of cotton
and wool. She proceeded to [redacted]
where she loaded an unspecified
quantity of asphalt. She left 50X1-HUM

[redacted] with
3,328 tons of cargo for Gdynia and
Danzig.

SS MORSKA WOLA
(Polish)

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| <u>Name of Vessel</u> | | <u>Remarks</u> |
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| SS NICOLA VAPTZAROV (Bulgarian) | | <p>Expected to arrive Durres. Will unload unspecified number of vehicles, weighing 7 tons each.</p> <p>Took aboard 6.02 tons wood blocks (155 sacks), laurel leaves in sacks, and other unidentified cargo.</p> <p>Arrived Durres, </p> |
| SS NOGIN (Soviet) | | <p>Sailed from a Bulgarian port for Odessa, where she was expected to arrive on 5 April.</p> <p>Reported in Durres, discharging a total of 2,633 tons of cargo. Was to have loaded 1,000 barrels of mineral pitch, and then complete cargo at Vlone. Expected to depart for Stalin (Varna), where the vessel was expected to arrive on 23 July.</p> <p>Departed from Albanian ports, en route for Odessa, after completing unspecified cargo operations.</p> |
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| <u>Name of Vessel</u> | | <u>Remarks</u> |
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| SS OLSZTYN (Polish) | | Arrived Durres from Stettin; unloaded metal pipes and large crates (4 x 2 x 2 meters). She then took aboard 60 tons of ammunition in cases to be sent to Eastern Germany for salvage (sic). 50X1-HUM Expected to arrive at Vlone and take aboard 2,000 tons asphalt. |
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| SS PETROVSKI (Soviet) | | believed to be en route for Odessa. |
| SS PETR VELIKI ³ (Soviet) | | Loaded 1,768 kilograms ash lumber and 7,720 kilograms elm lumber at Durres. Loaded 1,407 barrels mineral pitch (presumably at Durres), weight 388 tons, destined for Odessa. Expected to take on cargo and passengers at Stalin (Varna); scheduled to arrive in Durres in September. Arrived Durres from Odessa; disembarked 129 passengers and unloaded 278 tons mixed cargo. |

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Name of VesselRemarks

SS PETR VELIKI (Cont'd)

Took aboard at Durres 433 tons mixed cargo, as well as 259 cases of copper (weight 11,359 tons), and 153 passengers bound for Stalin (Varna) and Odessa.

SS RODINA
(Bulgarian)

Arrived Durres and discharged 2,000 tons unspecified cargo. 50X1-HUM

SS SULINA
(Rumanian)

Arrived Durres or Vlone for cargo operations; among other items, she was expected to take aboard 40 tons wool.

MS TEUTA
(Albanian)

In two trips, unloaded at Durres 220 tons of unspecified cargo, and loaded 110 tons, in addition to (or including) an unspecified amount of wool and walnut-tree logs.

Arrived in Durres [] with a 250-ton cargo, including the following: 50X1-HUM

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| Sugar | 100 tons |
| Machinery and electrical equipment | 26 " |
| Steel cable | 7 " |
| Textiles | 70 " |
| Artificial silk | 5 " |
| Medicinals | 5 " |
| Iron reinforcements | 5 " |
| Dental materials | 18 " |
| Miscellaneous (shoes, umbrellas, electrical lamps, etc.) | 26 " |

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Name of Vessel

MS TRUTA (Cont'd)

Remarks

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Left Durres for Trieste with 320 tons asphalt for Hungary. Laid over at Tremite (sic - Trelimes?) until 13 December

Left [] for Durres, with 10 tons of coffee.

Unloaded at Durres 6,150 tons of unspecified cargo, in addition to a "probable" 3,500 tons which included chains for anchors.

Reported to have already unloaded an uncertain amount of cargo at an Albanian port, and to have still approximately 1,000 tons of cargo to be unloaded.

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Left Durres []

Left [] after having taken aboard 1,296 tons of machinery for Constanta and Odessa.

SS TIMIRIASOV
(Soviet)

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Name of Vessel

SS TIMIRIASEV (Cont'd)

Remarks

Under orders from Moscow, this vessel was to moor [] on this date, at exactly 1200 hours GMT; the vessel arrived from the Black Sea, with a cargo intended for [] flood victims, and for the occasion was dubbed "The Peace Ship."

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SS TORUN
(Polish)

Arrived Durres, where she was to take aboard 1,900 tons chrome ore, 75 tons leather, and 40 tons wool; she was then to proceed to Vlone and load 110 tons wool and 90 tons mixed cargo.

Another report of the same period indicated that she was also to load 60 tons onions, 86 tons laurel leaves, 30 tons tobacco, and 50 tons blister copper.

Unloaded 2,341 tons of coal at [] and loaded the following:

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SS USAKOW
(Nationality unspecified)

Reported about to pass through the Dardanelles, en route for the Black Sea.

SS VOROSHILOV
(Soviet)

Arrived Durres.

Reported to have left Odessa, bound for Constanta.

SS VOSTOK
(Soviet)

Reported in the port [] attempting to locate contact agents. Commandant of the ship (also believed to be its political commissar) is a certain Vashman.

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Name of VesselSS ZOA KOSMODEM
(Soviet)RemarksReported slightly north of
Novorossiisk in the Black Sea.

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2. The following general information on [redacted] Durres cargo traffic (probably including many of the shipments listed above) was also received:

a. Received in Albania in June 1951:

| | | |
|---|------|------|
| Sugar | 100 | tons |
| Rope and cording | 3.1 | " |
| Hemp cloth | 21 | " |
| Stocking and knitted goods | 5.5 | " |
| Cotton textiles | 49.4 | " |
| Cotton cording and netting | 0.4 | " |
| Wool textiles | 2.3 | " |
| Silk textiles | 3.2 | " |
| Iron and steel wire and cables | 7.1 | " |
| Iron nails and screws | 1.2 | " |
| Cast iron, iron, steel ware | 48.2 | " |
| Miscellaneous small machinery parts | 0.1 | " |
| Electrical appliances | 2.5 | " |
| Heating units | 0.6 | " |
| Surgical instruments | 4.4 | " |
| Telegraph apparatus | 0.3 | " |
| Motorcycles | 0.3 | " |
| Cement | 2.3 | " |
| Electric insulators | 0.2 | " |
| Glassware | 1.6 | " |
| Oils and essences | 0.1 | " |
| Medicinals | 3.8 | " |
| Paper | 0.1 | " |
| Gramophones | 0.1 | " |
| Drygoods | 0.2 | " |
| Emulsion (sic) (probably photographic materials) | 40 | " |
| (95,200 rubles was credited to the account DAHAMASH Berlin in payment of this material.) | | |

b. Received in Albania in September 1951:

| | | |
|-------------------|------|---|
| Unspecified total | 82.1 | " |
|-------------------|------|---|

c. Received in Albania in October 1951:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------|---|
| Ropes and cording | 22.3 | " |
| Hemp textiles | 5.7 | " |
| Stockings and knitted goods | 1.7 | " |
| Cotton textiles | 27.9 | " |
| Silk textiles | 0.2 | " |
| Clothing | 0.2 | " |
| Metal cable | 4.4 | " |
| Cast-iron products | 3.9 | " |
| Stoves | 0.2 | " |
| Electrical appliances | 0.2 | " |
| Machinery | 0.1 | " |
| Glass products | 0.2 | " |
| Asbestos | 1.1 | " |
| Furniture | 0.9 | " |
| Chemical products | 1.8 | " |
| Medicinals | 0.3 | " |
| Dye stuffs | 0.2 | " |
| Unfinished rubber products | 2.6 | " |
| Drygoods | 0.6 | " |

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3. [redacted] the Polish SS MORSKA WOLA has never discharged arms at Durres [redacted] arms transportation is being handled by the PETR VELIKI, which is on a regular passenger-cargo run between Odessa and Durres.
4. It was also indicated that difficulty was being experienced in securing the services of Polish tankers to effectuate additional shipments of gas-oil to the USSR; tankers of other nationalities were being considered for this purpose.

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